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THE GUN SHOW

Halifax Regional Police Sgt. Mike Cecchetto describes some of the 72 guns that were seized from two locations this week during a news conference at police headquarters on Tuesday. Two men have been charged in the case that also saw police find 10,000 rounds of ammunition. See story, page 6.

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Rape comments 'not isolated'

Dalhousie. Alleged posts on Facebook from dentistry students part of systemic problem, expert says



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The executive director of Avalon Sexual Assault Centre says while the case of reported misogynistic comments posted online about students in the Dalhousie University dentistry program is disturbing, sexualized violence happens with all ages and professions and is a "serious social issue that we all are dealing with."

On Tuesday, Jackie Stevens said it was "very disturbing" to hear the university was investigating allegations of sexually charged and offensive

comments posted by dentistry students on a Facebook page, condoning rape and targeting other female students.

"There's been lots of discussion, there's been legislation ... there's been initiatives put in place on university campuses to address these kinds of issues and yet it's still continuing," Stevens said.

These students will soon be professionals working alongside the public, she added, so it's a concern when they're allegedly talking about "using drugs to commit sexual offences" and inciting violence against particular people in their classes.

Stevens said excusing such comments as simply jokes or boys being boys is an attitude that keeps communities complacent and "enables sexualized violence to continue."

She noted that many people look the other way because they don't want to cause trouble or seem like

they don't have a sense of humour, but that only perpetuates the idea it's OK.

"Why is it, because they're women, that it's OK and funny to talk about committing sexualized violence against them? Why is it funny to have a rape chant?" Stevens asked, in reference to the Saint Mary's University frosh chant last year that put that Halifax university in the national headlines.

Canada just marked the 25 years that have passed since the École Polytechnique massacre, while Wednesday is the day to remember murdered sex workers, and there has yet to be an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women, Stevens added.

"This is not isolated," she said. "This is a serious social issue that we are all dealing with, and so we all need to take it seriously."

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Mayor Savage 'countrified' in honour of 2015 CCMA's

Online. New YouTube video features Mike Savage and country music star Dean Brody getting cowboy hats and boots



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Mayor Mike Savage's comedic stylings have struck again.

In a new YouTube video posted Monday, the mayor of Halifax plugs the city's host-

ing gig for the 2015 Canadian Country Music Awards by getting all geared up in country duds.

Savage said he worked with organizers to make the video last fall.

"There's a huge amount of excitement in country music circles about coming back east and coming to Halifax for the first time in over three decades," he said in an interview.

The video begins with Savage in Edmonton, seeking the right attire for a country awards show.

"I don't really feel very country," laments the mayor, standing in a suit and tie outside a



A cowboyed-up Mayor Mike Savage from the YouTube video.
RUTH DAVENPORT

Lammle's store in Edmonton. "I feel like I can do better than this."

In the store, Savage runs

into seven-time CCMA winner, and Chester resident, Dean Brody.

Brody steers the mayor past all the wrong shirts, toward a suitably sophisticated pearl-snap option, and also picks out just the right pair of boots for a Halifax mayor.

"Bold and sensible!" exclaims Savage.

The 3-1/2-minute clip ends with Savage fully "countrified" in a shirt, boots, jeans and cowboy hat.

"Country's coming east," the mayor intones, as he and Brody — in matching 10-gallon hats — stare down the camera.

Savage said in an interview

he's not "really a country guy," but listened to plenty of country tunes while making the video and grew comfortable in the clothing.

"Someone told me I was made to wear a 10-gallon hat, and I got that. I like it. It's sitting in my office," he said.

In all seriousness, Savage said the CCMA's attract the best of the genre, and give Halifax another opportunity to put its best two-steppin' foot forward.

"There's some really good, talented young country stars that are going to get profiled here in Halifax, and it's going to be great for them and great for us," he said.

Emera Oval set to open Thursday

Halifax recreation staff use an ice-resurfacing machine on the Emera Oval on Tuesday. The largest artificial ice surface east of Quebec will open to the public this Thursday after above-normal temperatures pushed back the scheduled opening by three days.

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Dalhousie reacts to sexually violent Facebook comments

'It's pretty disgusting.'

Mike Savage also weighs in, saying the alleged incident left him 'disappointed' both as a father and mayor

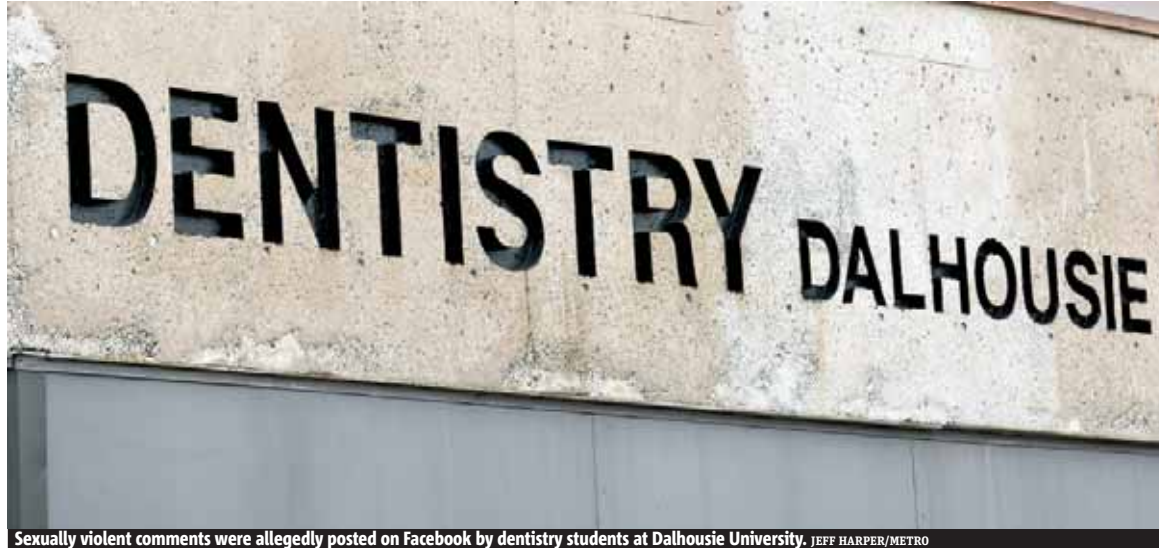


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A fourth-year student at Dalhousie University says he's heard presentations about rape culture as an athlete, but the alleged sexually violent comments that were posted on Facebook from the school's faculty of dentistry show all programs should get a similar talk.

"It's pretty disgusting, actually," Pookiel McCabe said on campus Tuesday.

McCabe, who competes in track, said he's heard a presentation on how rape is not an acceptable topic to joke about and "no means no," but



Sexually violent comments were allegedly posted on Facebook by dentistry students at Dalhousie University. JEFF HARPER/METRO

it's still "very common" to hear other students making fun of sexual violence.

"I don't think it's normal or right," he said.

Kevin Bradley, another fourth-year student, said

he was surprised to hear students in a professional program were reportedly involved with posting violent comments condoning rape, since it was something he would expect from a first-

year undergrad.

"I actually thought that lately people were doing a pretty good job of (awareness)," Bradley said. "Lots of talks, but I guess not."

Another student, Tamsin

Andrews, said she was glad to hear the university is looking into the allegations.

Although some people on social media have said this incident involves a small group of men that don't re-

Quoted

"At least they're taking the right route."

Dalhousie student Tamsin Andrews, on the investigation taking place at the university

flect on the whole school and shouldn't face consequences because of a Facebook group, Andrews said it's important to address the comments.

"Even if it's just students acting that way, they still have to take action for representing the school," she said.

She said there could always be more discussion around sexualized violence, but it's good to see people bringing it up as less of a "taboo" subject.

Mayor Mike Savage said it was "disappointing" to hear about the incident as both a father and mayor.

"It's disheartening that this happens.... It's time that we should all know better," he said Tuesday. "I don't have an answer to it."



Dalhousie president Richard Florizone
JEFF HARPER/METRO

University postpones dentistry exams

The president of Dalhousie University says the school has been talking with dentistry students involved with allegedly posting sexually violent comments to a Facebook page, and the program's Christmas exams have been postponed until January.

On Tuesday, Richard Florizone said the school is gathering information and looking at

a range of options to deal with the allegations that male students in the faculty of dentistry posted offensive comments on Facebook about women, including their classmates.

"People are deeply disappointed and concerned," he said following a meeting with deans at the school. "People find the language and the con-

versation entirely unacceptable."

Florizone said a complaint about the Facebook page, which has been taken down, came in during the past week and is being dealt with under their harassment policy.

Fourth-year exams in the faculty have been moved to January due to anxiety in the

students because of the incident, Florizone stated, and they are talking with the women featured on the page as well as those who used it.

In the students' code of conduct, penalties for violating set behavioural expectations range from a warning to a suspension or expulsion.

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History

The incident comes more than a year after Saint Mary's made headlines when it was revealed first-year students and leaders participated during their welcome week in a chant that glorified rape.

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Bedford. Mom left kids in car, drove into woman: Cops

Police have charged a woman after a bizarre incident in Bedford on Tuesday.

Just before noon, police say, a shopper spotted two young children — aged 1 and 2 — alone in an unlocked car in the parking lot of Bedford Common while the mother was inside one of the stores shopping.

The female shopper waited for about 20 minutes, before the children's mother left Dollarama.

Police say she called 911 and told the woman that police were on the way.

Police say the 25-year-old mother then got in her car, and drove at the shopper who was calling 911. The car hit the victim, driving her onto the hood and then the ground.

The female shopper suffered minor injuries while the driver took off toward-

sHighway 102.

Police began looking for the vehicle in question and the car was eventually spotted on Highway 101 near Windsor.

The Newport Station woman was arrested and is facing charges of assault with a weapon and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said there's no reason to ever leave young kids unattended in a vehicle, especially for as long as this mother allegedly did.

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Handed over

Police say the case has also been handed over to the province's department of community services.

Ten years later. Police still searching for Purcell

A decade after she disappeared, the search for Leonette Purcell continues.

Police investigators continue to work on the whereabouts of the Grand Lake woman who was reported missing Dec. 16, 2004. She was 56 years old at the time.

Purcell was last seen at home earlier that morning, but was gone when a relative returned home. She hasn't been heard from since, a Nova Scotia RCMP news release said Tuesday.

Belongings in her house "appeared out of place or disturbed," the release said of that fateful day exactly 10 years ago.

"An extensive search in the area of Grand Lake failed to reveal her whereabouts and police believe her disappearance



Leonette Purcell CONTRIBUTED/RCMP

is suspicious."

Anyone with information can call an RCMP office, Halifax Regional Police, Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477 or the Major Unsolved Crimes Program at 1-888-710-9090. METRO

Impaired driving

Police conclude investigation into one of their own

Halifax Regional Police have finished an investigation into one of their own.

Const. Ryan William Morris, 24, is set to appear in Dartmouth provincial court Dec. 23 to answer to impaired driving offences, but police confirmed Tuesday he will face no further charges.

The police force he works for arrested Morris after

he allegedly hit a power pole while travelling east on Prince Albert Road in Dartmouth, during the early morning hours Nov. 17. He then fled from the single-car crash scene on foot.

The responding officer identified Morris, who has been with Halifax police for just over a year, "and noted signs of impairment," an HRP news release said.

Halifax Regional Police have determined that Morris committed no offences under the Motor Vehicle Act, but he remains suspended from duty with pay. METRO



At a news conference on Tuesday Halifax Regional Police Sgt. Mike Cecchetto describes some of the 72 guns that were seized. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Police seize huge cache of weapons

Fairview, Lantz.

Searches turn up 72 legally purchased firearms with illegally modified clips



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Two men are facing charges and will likely lose their vast collection of firearms — valued at around \$80,000 — after Halifax police say they found dozens of fully-loaded guns and rifles lying around a Fairview apartment.

Members of the integrated Guns and Gangs unit searched the apartment and a vehicle on Main Avenue on Dec. 10 and seized 62 weapons — none of them stored properly. Ten more were seized during a search in Lantz on Dec. 12.

Quoted

"It's a little scary. It's scary to believe what someone had in their apartment."

Sgt. Mike Cecchetto, Halifax Regional Police

"I've never been at a search before where we came across this many firearms," said Guns and Gangs member Sgt. Mike Cecchetto at Halifax Regional Police headquarters Tuesday. "This is the biggest seizure that I've been involved in."

Police laid out a sampling of the arsenal that a 21- and 27-year old man had accumulated, including handguns, shotguns, semi-automatic weapons and — most shockingly — a .50-calibre sniper rifle.

"I don't know," said Cecchetto when asked what a citizen would use a sniper rifle for. "We wouldn't have a range around here that you could use that .50-calibre sniper rifle."

Cecchetto said the unit received information that the two men had a "large number" of firearms in their possession, launching the investigation.

In total, officers seized 34 handguns, 31 rifles and seven shotguns.

Members of the National Weapons Enforcement Support Team are just beginning the long job of tracing every firearm to determine its origin, but so far all that have been traced were purchased legally and were registered to the two men who were arrested.

However, Cecchetto said officers seized 62 clips from the Main Avenue apartment that had been modified illegally.

"Most of the time, there's a pin in there which would only allow you to have five bullets," said Cecchetto, holding a bulging bag full of clips and bullets. "You can take the pin out and then you can fill the clip."

The two men arrested have no criminal records and aren't known to police. Between that and the careful paperwork, Cecchetto said investigators don't believe they were using the guns for criminal purposes or planning to sell them.

However, he said it's asking for trouble to leave so many high-powered weapons unsecured in one place.

"If someone knew that all these firearms were inside an apartment, that's a safety issue for us," said Cecchetto, adding that police will seek a court order to have the weapons destroyed.

The two men arrested will appear in Halifax provincial court on Jan. 20.



Premier's former spokesman pleads guilty to assault charge

The former director of communications for Nova Scotia's premier has pleaded guilty to assault.

Kyle Harris had previously pleaded not guilty and was scheduled to go to trial on Jan. 13.

Harris was charged following a domestic incident

Sentencing

Kyle Harris is scheduled to return to provincial court for sentencing on March 19.

alleged to have happened on May 9.

He was initially placed on administrative leave with pay, but was later fired from his position.

Premier Stephen McNeil said the termination was necessary because Harris waited four days to tell the government he was charged.

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Central library's new café froths up the cappuccino to help YWCA

Annual fundraiser.

Owners of Pavia Gallery commit to \$24,000 every year



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The owners of Pavia Gallery café are hoping some cold dip, cappuccino and Christmas carolling will draw in lots of funds and support for a new annual donation to the Halifax YWCA.

On Tuesday, Pavia Gallery café owners Christopher Webb and Victoria Foulger spoke to reporters at their new location in the Halifax Central Library on Spring Garden Road about their plan to raise \$24,000 a year for the YWCA.

"We have such an opportunity to act as a conduit for



Christopher Webb, left, and Victoria Foulger, owners of Pavia Gallery café, perk things up at Halifax Central Library Tuesday with cappuccino for a cause. JEFF HARPER/METRO

giving," Webb said about being on one of the busiest corners in Halifax.

Webb said they officially

wrote into their lease agreement they would make a \$24,000 donation every year, even if they had to find the

funds themselves.

The café will be doing special projects to drum up attention around their campaign,

Timing

"We felt it would be a real opportunity for us to give back."

Pavia Gallery café owner Christopher Webb on setting up an annual fundraiser for the Halifax YWCA

Webb said, such as having employees carolling outside the library this Saturday afternoon, and creating teams for the Blue Nose Marathon and the annual Polar Bear Dip on Jan. 1.

Webb said their own baristas don't mess up orders, but Pavia will invite Mayor Mike Savage, Premier Stephen McNeil and other personalities to work behind the counter about once a month for "bad cappuccino days" where 100 per cent of the coffee sold by the "wonderfully awful" baristas go to the YWCA.

Very welcome

Funding for 24 women: YWCA

A fixed amount to count on every year is "really important," says Miia Suokonaudio, executive director for the YWCA.

She said \$24,000 covers about 7-1/2 months of rent for 24 women, whether they're coming out of the correctional system or are single moms having a hard time.

"It's really easy to talk about not having enough and yet ... they've opened something (that) from the get-go, there will be enough," Suokonaudio said.

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Bar can't deny law school grads accreditation: Lawyer

Nova Scotia Supreme Court. Hearing to determine status of students from B.C. Christian university

The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society doesn't have the authority to deny accreditation to law school graduates of a Christian university in B.C., a lawyer for the private school told a judicial review hearing Monday.

Brian Casey told Nova Scotia Supreme Court that the provincial regulator overstepped its bounds when it decided in April it would ban graduates from Trinity Western University from the province's bar admission program unless the school dropped a requirement that students abstain from sex outside heterosexual marriage.

The requirement, spelled out in a pledge that all students

The review
Four days have been set aside for the judicial review, which started Tuesday.

sign, has been criticized as discriminatory against gays and lesbians.

Casey said the court should overturn the law society's regulation on the grounds that it infringes on the future students' charter rights of freedom of religion, freedom of expression and freedom of association in particular.

He said Judge Jamie Campbell has to decide whether those rights are in conflict with the right of individuals not to face discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Casey said there is no conflict because the law society has failed to produce any evidence that the proposed law school



Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO

would harm anyone in N.S.

"A decision made without evidence is an unreasonable decision," he said.

As well, Casey said it's im-

portant to remember the Charter of Rights and Freedoms doesn't apply to private institutions or any university, for that matter. He said the courts have

also affirmed that religious groups have the right to exclude others in their efforts to define themselves.

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Special-care home

Man dies during arrest

The Serious Incident Response Team in Nova Scotia is investigating after a resident of a special care home died Tuesday as police attempted to arrest him.

The watchdog agency says in a news release that the RCMP responded to a call from the Valley View Villa in Riverton alleging an assault had occurred. It says an officer attempted to arrest a 49-year-old man under the provisions of the Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act.

Ron MacDonald, director of the serious incident team, said in an interview that he couldn't comment if force, as that will be part of the investigation.

The agency says during the arrest the man showed signs of medical distress, paramedics were called and the man died at the scene.

The RCMP declined to identify the deceased man, saying they are still informing family members.

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Wolfville man's body found in Alberta; called homicide

A week after Patrick Whidden was reported missing, the 25-year-old man's body was found on Sunday in a field 175 kilometres west of Edmonton.

According to a media release from Alberta RCMP, the Wolfville native was found dead outside of Edson where he was last seen Dec. 6, around 5:30 p.m.

Whidden was reported missing Dec. 7, and Edson RCMP say they have been investigating his disappearance, with the help of RCMP Major Crimes Unit with the assistance of Whitecourt.

An autopsy was completed Dec. 15, police say, and Alberta's medical examiner's office ruled the death a homicide.

Police are not releasing details of how he died.

Police say Whidden was driving a 1994 Dodge Ram pick up with Alberta licence plate BNN 6792.

RCMP are asking anyone with information about Whidden's disappearance or whereabouts prior to his death, to contact the Edson RCMP at 780-723-8822 or to call Crimestoppers at 1-800 222 8477.

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Patrick Whidden
HANDOUT/RCMP

New chairwoman named to Halifax school board

The Halifax Regional School Board has a new chairwoman.

A news release from the board states that Melinda Daye, the current African Nova Scotian representative, was named to the position by the Governor-in-Council Tuesday.

According to the release, the Governor-in-Council was asked to appoint a chairperson in accordance with the school board's bylaws after a majority of governing board members couldn't agree on the choice of chairperson on Nov. 26.

Daye is a retired teacher and administrator who was first elected to the school board in October 2012.

Her appointment is effective immediately and lasts until next November when board members will hold an internal election. METRO



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Hants County. Bail hearing begins for man accused of running Ponzi scheme

A man accused of bilking more than \$4 million out of investors through a company that once had an office in Windsor will remain in custody until his bail hearing resumes Friday.

Former Hants County resident Quintin Earl Sponagle, 50, appeared in Windsor provincial court on Tuesday for the beginning of a bail hearing that had been postponed on Nov. 28, Dec. 2 and Dec. 5.

After a lengthy discussion on whether or not Sponagle is ordinarily a citizen of Canada, Judge Alan Tufts ultimately agreed to grant the Crown's request for a reverse onus bail hearing.

"It is the Crown's position that given that Mr. Sponagle has resided outside of the country of Canada for the last eight years ... that he's not ordinarily a resident in Canada and that's a provision that imposes reverse onus under the Criminal Code," said provincial Crown attorney Rick Hartlen, in an interview following the adjournment of Sponagle's bail hearing.

"We felt that it was direct-



Quintin Earl Sponagle leaves court earlier this month. HANTS JOURNAL

ly on point and that's why we urged the court to reverse the normal onus, which all that means is that the burden is on Mr. Sponagle to show that his release pending trial is justified in the circumstances."

Hartlen is opposing Sponagle's release on the grounds that the accused has already demonstrated his ability to flee Canada, and take up residency in a foreign country.

"We are very much opposed to Mr. Sponagle's release in the sense that there's not been put forward a plan for his release which satisfies our concerns," said Hartlen,

The charges

Sponagle was recently extradited from the Republic of Panama, where he was arrested in 2013, and brought back to Nova Scotia to face three counts of fraud over \$5,000 and one count of theft over \$5,000.

- It is alleged Sponagle, former head of the Windsor-based Jabez Financial Services Inc., fled to Central America in 2006 — the same year the Nova Scotia Securities Commission was investigating complaints from investors involved with Jabez Financial.

who wants "sufficient mechanisms in place to ensure that (Sponagle) will attend trial."

Tufts imposed a publication ban prohibiting the release of any evidence heard at the bail hearing, which is scheduled to resume Dec. 19 at 11 a.m.

HANTS JOURNAL

Kids' gifts stolen in home break-in

What a Grinch.

Police investigating after Kings Co. family loses wrapped and unwrapped presents, laptop computer



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Talk about your holiday Grinch.

The RCMP in Nova Scotia are investigating after a family had their home broken into this week and all of their wrapped Christmas presents for their children stolen.

Police say the robbery happened in Windermere, Kings Co., during the day on Monday when the homeowners were away.

The person or persons involved stole a laptop computer and the family's unwrapped Christmas presents.

"The presents, which were tucked away from the children's view, were located after the thief ransacked the family's home," an RCMP release states.

Police say the children in the home were one and three years old. They also say the family didn't have insurance.

RCMP spokeswoman Const. Kelli Gaudet said police didn't receive any other reports of break-ins in the area on Monday.

Know something?

Anyone with information is asked to contact the RCMP at 902-679-5555 or Crime Stoppers.

Gaudet also said the theft doesn't appear to be connected to a number of daytime break-ins in the county last month.

"This was a little bit different than others," Gaudet said, noting the home was ransacked.

Gaudet said she's hopeful someone will come forward with information that could lead to an arrest.

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School placed under hold-and-secure after gun scare

Details

Amherst police say there was never any risk to public safety, students or staff.

A male student at Amherst Regional High School was taken into custody after it was reported that he was in possession of a handgun replica BB gun.

At about 10 a.m. Tuesday, members of the Amherst Police Department and members of the Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Unit were on scene at the high school, and the school was

resisted arrest, and was subsequently taken into custody.

During the investigation, police obtained information that the items were not on site.

Officers located and seized two BB guns at a secondary location.

The matter is currently under investigation with a number of charges pending.

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placed in a code blue hold-and-secure order.

A male student was located inside of the building,

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Police at Amherst Regional High School in this photo from earlier this year. CUMBERLAND NEWS



Edna Thompson enjoys working at the bakery at the Scotsburn Country Store. NEW GLASGOW NEWS

Scotsburn, without Scotsburn

Company leaves the community. Locals ready to persevere in tough economic times

The main street of the small rural community doesn't have a whole lot.

The feed-processing plant is gone, as is the company that bore the community's

name and had products in homes throughout the Maritimes. Scotsburn Ltd., now primarily an ice-cream company, announced last week that it was officially leaving for Truro. Residents say the move has been slowly happening for a while.

At the popular Deb's Diner, patrons say they're sad to see Scotsburn leave. But in a way, they understand.

"Fact is their responsibility

ends up being to their shareholders," says Evan Carruthers.

For reasons of nostalgia, though, some wish they wouldn't go.

"This is where the heritage is," says diner owner Debbie Sangster.

"This is where the farmers started it, and I think it should have stayed in Scotsburn."

While they maintain a

loyal clientele and strong business, she says any business closing affects the others near it.

"There will be a loss in revenue from that," she says. "They (employees at Scotsburn) came for lunch."

The feed mill closing in recent years affected them too because it reduced the number of people coming to the community.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

Aquaculture. Report calls for rethink of fish farming

A new report by two legal experts recommends an overhaul of Nova Scotia's aquaculture regulations but doesn't call for a ban on fish farms.

Instead, law professors Meinhard Doelle and Bill Lahay of Dalhousie University recommend shaping an industry that has a low impact on the environment and a high economic value.

"Nova Scotia's economy calls for a policy approach that addresses the risks through responsible development and robust regulation rather than prohibition," says the report released Tuesday.

But the report says fish farming should only be allowed in coastal waters that are suitable. It goes on to recommend a classification system of areas that are generally suitable for the industry, those that have potential and areas that are generally unsuitable for fish farms.

The classification of an area would determine how licence applications are evaluated and the likelihood of their approval. It would also play a central role in determining the terms and condi-

Enforcement

Under the recommended changes, the fisheries minister or an independent board would have the power to revoke licences if a site is found to be unsuitable or is not being operated responsibly.

tions of a licence.

The report says its findings are based on the available science and addresses "legitimate concerns" by environmentalists and some community groups without shutting down the industry.

The report was welcomed by the Halifax-based Ecology Action Centre, although spokesman Raymond Plourde said he was disappointed it doesn't call for in-water, open-net farming pens to be phased out.

"We believe it is a fundamentally flawed model," said Plourde, whose group would rather see farming in closed pens or in land-based tanks to decrease pollution from fish waste. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Windsor

Pharmaceutical expansion to bring new jobs

An expected 80 new jobs will be created over the next seven years in Windsor thanks to the expansion of a Charlottetown company.

Hants West MLA Chuck Porter says that's good news for the Windsor area and the local economy.

"I'm very excited that BioVectra has chosen our community for their expansion," said Porter in a news release. "The announcement couldn't come at a better time, when people

need to hear a 'good news' story that will put much-needed funds back into the local economy."

In June, BioVectra, which produces ingredients for the global pharmaceutical industry, purchased the former Sepracor Canada Limited building in Windsor's industrial area.

The expansion to Windsor will create a range of new highly skilled jobs in the areas of research, chemistry, biology and pharmaceuticals.

To encourage the company to expand to Windsor, a seven-year payroll rebate agreement was signed between NSBI and BioVectra through Nova Scotia Business Inc. HANTS JOURNAL



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Veterans. Mom should get Silver Cross to honour son

The mother of a Canadian soldier who was sent a one-penny government cheque after her son killed himself following a tour of duty in Afghanistan deserves a Memorial Cross, supporters say in a new petition.

They say it is unfair for military authorities to refuse to award Denise Stark the medal — often called the Silver Cross — for what they see as the service-related loss of Cpl. Justin Stark, 22, who was a reserve soldier who served a seven month deployment to Afghanistan.

In October 2011, 10 months after his return to Canada, he killed himself at the John Weir Foote Armouries in Hamilton.

"It would be a sense of a closure, which we don't have, knowing that Justin's service would be recognized — a recognition that I feel is long overdue," Stark told The Canadian Press Tuesday.



Denise Stark

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"It's time for the government to step up and just do the right thing."

The petition calls on Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Defence Minister Rob Nicholson, and Veterans Affairs Minister Julian Fantino to intervene in what they call the "gross injustices" perpetrated on the family.

A board of inquiry concluded in March that his tour in Afghanistan did not cause post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), which contributed to his suicide. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Medical pot. Feds lose bid to limit growing at home

The Conservative government has lost its latest attempt to prevent medical marijuana users from growing pot at home, with the Federal Court of Appeal upholding an injunction that exempted patients from a massive overhaul of the system.

New rules were introduced this year prohibiting home-growing and instead shifted production to commercial operations, but a group of patients is challenging that regime in a case expected to be heard in 2015.

A Federal Court judge issued an injunction in the spring allowing authorized patients to continue to grow and possess marijuana until their case is resolved. The government appealed, but the Appeal Court unanimously upheld the injunction on Monday.

As of last year, nearly 38,000 Canadians had received authorization under the old system; most chose to grow their own marijuana rather than buy it from the federal government.

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Better representation

Canada wants more women on money: Survey

The results of a new online survey suggest many Canadians would like to see women better represented on bank notes.

The Bank of Canada poll asked for input on how bills could best reflect the country — the top responses included more gender equality and a better celebration of women. The questionnaire comes after women's groups criticized the central bank for removing the Famous Five on the \$50 note in the most recent series of bills.

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Luka Rocco Magnotta

Jury ends first day without a verdict

The jury at Luka Rocco Magnotta's murder trial ended its first day of deliberations without a verdict.

Magnotta is charged with first-degree murder and four other charges in the slaying of Chinese engineering student Jun Lin in May 2012. The jurors officially began their work Tuesday to return five unanimous verdicts in the case, and will resume their deliberations Wednesday.

Magnotta has pleaded not guilty by way of mental disorder and is seeking to be found not criminally responsible. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Yannick Gagne stands in the new Musi-Café under construction in Lac-Mégantic, Que., on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. The restaurant-bar at ground zero of the deadly train derailment and explosion that killed 47 people in July 2013 is back in business. The Musi-Café quietly opened its doors to the public Monday in a new location, about 400 metres from the original site. **PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Musi-Café reopens near old location

Lac-Mégantic. Restaurant located near the site of the Quebec train disaster is open for business once again



Workers comb through debris after a train derailed on July 9, 2013 causing explosions of railway cars carrying crude oil, killing 47 people as a result. **PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

The restaurant-bar at ground zero of the deadly train derailment and explosion that killed 47 people in Quebec in July 2013 is back in business.

The Musi-Café quietly opened its doors to the public in Lac-Mégantic on Monday, about 400 metres from the original site.

Owner Yannick Gagne said only three of his original employees have returned to work with him at his new establishment.

"One of them is my chef, a friend," he told The Canadian Press in a phone interview.

"I have a girl who worked for me for three or four years — she's coming back — and one of my good friends, Karine Blanchette, will handle all the artists who will come here."

At the time of the disaster, Blanchette told reporters two children were left orphans after one of her friends died in the tragedy.

Many of the 47 victims

were inside the Musi-Café when a runaway oil-tanker train rolled off the tracks and exploded in the heart of the town.

Gagne lost three workers in the blast and about a dozen have decided not to come back to work with him.

He now has a staff of about 20, which is five more employees than before.

Gagne also said that on Monday, not a lot of people showed up during the morning and that there was also a small crowd at lunch.

He added he believes the locals probably assumed the new place would be crowded.

Gagne, who had financing problems in the past, said the new restaurant-bar will cost \$1.5 million when all the bills are finally paid.

But he is getting financial help.

"We have had confirmation that the federal government will be there to help us," he said.

"The provincial government has provided a loan, a financial bridge (and) we'll be able to finish the project and pay everybody."

Gagne is planning an official "red carpet and champagne" opening in February.

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Pakistani girl, who was injured in a Taliban attack in a school, is rushed to a hospital on Tuesday in Peshawar, Pakistan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taliban kills 141 at school in Pakistan

Peshawar. Deadly attack at military-run school being claimed by a group called Tehreek-e-Taliban

Taliban gunmen stormed a military-run school in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar on Tuesday, killing 141 people, mostly children, before Pakistani officials declared a military operation to clear the school over.

The overwhelming majority of the victims were students at the school, which instructs grades 1 through 10. Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif condemned the assault and rushed to Peshawar to show his support for the victims.

As darkness fell on the area, officials said they had cleared the school of militants.

A Pakistani military spokesman, Asim Bajwa, said 141 people died in the attack — 132 children and nine staff members. He declared the operation over and said the area had been cleared. An additional 121 students and three staff members were wounded.

He said seven attackers, all wearing explosives vests, all died in the assault. It was not immediately clear if the militants were all killed by the soldiers or whether they blew themselves up, he said.

Bajwa described an assault that seemed designed purely to terrorize the children rather

'Heartbroken'

Malala Yousafzai says she is "heartbroken" over the attack on a school in Pakistan. "Innocent children in their school have no place in horror such as this," said the Nobel Peace Prize winner.

- Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif vowed that the country would not be cowed by the violence.

than take anyone hostage to further the militant group's aims.

"Their sole purpose, it seems, was to kill those innocent kids," he said.

The attack, claimed by the Tehreek-e-Taliban, a Pakistani militant group trying to overthrow the government, sent the wounded flooding to hospitals.

A Taliban spokesman said suicide bombers carried out the attack to avenge killings of Taliban members by Pakistan.

The scene of the attack is part of a network of schools run by the Pakistani military around the country. The student body is made up of both children of military personnel as well as civilians.

A government official, Javed Khan, said most of the students appeared to be civilians rather than children of army staff. However, analysts said the militants likely targeted the school because of its military connections. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cafe siege a 'sick fantasy': Aussie PM

Horror over a deadly siege transformed into anger Tuesday as leaders of a grieving nation demanded to know how a man with a violent criminal history slipped through the cracks and ended up in the downtown Sydney cafe where he took 17 people hostage.

The 16-hour siege ended in a barrage of gunfire and screams early Tuesday morning when police stormed into the Lindt Chocolat Cafe in a

desperate bid to free the hostages.

Two of the hostages were killed, as was the gunman, Man Haron Monis, a 50-year-old Iranian-born, self-styled cleric described by Australia's prime minister as a deeply disturbed person carrying out a "sick fantasy."

"How can someone who has had such a long and checkered history not be on the appropriate watch list? And how can

someone like that be entirely at large in the community?" Prime Minister Tony Abbott asked at a news conference. "These are questions we need to look at carefully and calmly and methodically. That's what we'll be doing in the days and weeks ahead."

Monis was convicted and sentenced last year to 300 hours of community service for sending what a judge called "grossly offensive" letters to

families of soldiers killed in Afghanistan between 2007 and 2009. He later was charged with being an accessory to the murder of his ex-wife. Earlier this year, he was charged with the 2002 sexual assault of a woman. He had been out on bail on all charges.

"We need to ensure that everything is done to learn from this," said New South Wales Premier Mike Baird said.

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More privacy for app users: Commissioner

Data market.

Developers gather personal data more valuable than sales



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On Tuesday, Canada's privacy commissioner added his voice to a growing chorus asking mobile app stores to highlight how developers use data collected from customers.

Federal privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien was among 23 signatories to an open letter sent to seven app marketplaces, including Google Play and the Apple App Store. The letter urged merchants to make it mandatory for developers that sell apps in their stores to include links to their privacy policies.

"Links to privacy policies on the app marketplace appear to be optional, but we



Federal privacy commissioner
Daniel Therrien TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

think developers that collect personal information should be required to provide a link," Therrien said in a release. "Without this information, it's difficult for individuals to provide meaningful consent."

A recent study by Therrien's office found 85 per cent of mobile apps failed to explain adequately how they collect, use and share data collected from users.

"Developers are asking for information they have no real business accessing," said

Christopher Parsons, a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Toronto's Citizen Lab. "If a flashlight app is asking to read your SMS messages, that's a step too far."

According to Parsons, many app developers participate in a "grey market" of personal information.

"The value is not in selling apps," he said. "The value is in collecting information about individuals and then turning around and selling it to third parties."

Requiring developers to include privacy plans alongside their apps "is a step in the right direction," Parsons said, but many policies are written in "boilerplate legalese," meaning even if they're available, many consumers won't be able to interpret them.

"What commissioners could do is say that if you're going to develop a privacy policy ... you should be providing a simple, accessible version of what you're doing," he said.



Angry lawsuit to go ahead

Artist Juli Adams poses in her home and studio in Seattle in this Aug. 5 file photo, with one of her original drawings that a line of plush pet toys called "Angry Birds" was based on, and a copy of her licensing agreement with the Hartz Mountain Corporation. A U.S. federal judge has refused to dismiss her lawsuit, which argues Adams was cheated out of millions of dollars when the company that sold her line of "Angry Birds" toys reached a deal with the Finnish company that makes the insanely popular video game of the same name.

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Sony hack

Hackers threaten moviegoers

Hackers calling themselves Guardians of Peace made ominous threats Tuesday against movie theatres showing Sony Pictures' film *The Interview*, urging people to leave their homes if located near theatres showing the film.

The Interview is a comedy in which two television journalists become involved in a CIA plot to assassinate North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

iSue

Apple wins antitrust lawsuit

A U.S. District Court jury in California found in favour of Apple on Tuesday in a billion-dollar class-action lawsuit over the price of its iPod music players.

The jury rejected claims that Apple's use of restrictive software amounted to anticompetitive behaviour. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Palcohol. Ban considered

Powdered alcohol hasn't even arrived in stores yet, but states already are moving to ban the product touted by its inventor as an easy way to mix a drink on the go.

Colorado is the latest state considering prohibiting "Palcohol" amid concern it will increase underage drinking. The product is marketed as an ounce of rum or vodka in powdered form, which is then added to water.

Each serving is the equivalent of a shot of liquor, according to Lipsmark, the company that owns Palcohol.

"I think being proactive and jumping out in front of the problem is probably the right thing to do," said Chris Johnson, executive director of the County Sheriffs of Colorado. "It really doesn't have any place in our society, powdered alcohol. We have enough problems with the liquid kind."

Johnson said he fears powdered alcohol will make it easier for children to "sprinkle it on top of their Wheaties for breakfast" and increase the potential for alcohol poisoning. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



When it comes to technology, the holiday season can often mean out with the old and in with the new. Remember to do your part for the environment and recycle your end-of-life electronics responsibly by bringing them to an Electronic Products Recycling Association Drop-off Centre in your area.

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SELFIES IN A TIME OF TRAGEDY

It's a predictable scenario: A tragic situation occurs, such as this week's hostage crisis in Sydney. Someone takes a selfie. Public outrage follows. But as Metro's Andrew Fifield writes, our discomfort with the selfie in times of trouble may have more to do with us than it does with some inherent moral failure of those who take the images



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Events such as this week's tragedy in a Sydney café unfold in a depressingly familiar way.

Reports trickle out that something awful may be happening, but details are scarce, so we turn to social media for witnesses and those affected to fill in the gaps.

That's when the disaster selfies inevitably appear.

Some of the selfie snappers flash radiant smiles. Some of them look sufficiently solemn. All of them are criticized for making a mockery of tragedy, and that criticism is often off the mark.

Much of that criticism takes root in a misunderstanding that many, primarily older, people have about the selfie's relatively recent rise, namely that it's an inherently vain and narcissistic act.

That's absurd. Selfies are snapped for a laundry list of reasons: sharing a new shirt with friends, a wry reaction to the news, a quick self-esteem boost or a self-deprecating gag. And, yes, sometimes ego.

Whatever the reasons behind their creation, selfies have diffused into our always-changing culture. And many people are more comfortable

accepting a stereotype of a self-absorbed generation with few goals outside of serial frivolity than they are with accepting that culture dares a shift without checking in with them first.

The former camp is home to the loudest voices condemning disaster selfies. If one already holds a view that selfies are little more than a self-administered ego stroke, that sticks to the image itself. The preconceived notions of the person viewing it colour the motivations of the person who took it.

Strip away the emotion and what you have are witnesses capturing an event unfolding before their eyes. By putting themselves in the frame, they're providing an index. They're documenting their lives, just as they always do—except this time, their lives overlap with a painful public event and when an information-starved media outlet picks it up, they're condemned for seeking a level of attention they never asked for.

Of course, there is a conversation to be had about taste, and rebukes aimed at more gleeful subjects are well-earned. And of course, some disaster selfie subjects may one day feel ashamed. Some of them may apologize. A few of

them may even mean it.

But the instant anger and its accompanying judgment of the photographer's intention are unfair and can promote the harm critics say they're trying to prevent.

Consider this: Every autumn, a certain generation devotes a chunk of November to mourning the loss of an assassinated U.S. president. Within that chunk is much misty reminiscence about where they were, who they were with, how they reacted... even what they were wearing. The vast majority of them were nowhere near the shots. They're inserting themselves into the event.

Sound familiar? People vividly illustrating scenes of public trauma while putting themselves in the frame? The biggest difference is they're relying on memory—the only ubiquitous documentary tool available at the time.

It's a selfie without the technology.

Are those people simply relaying their views of history, as witnessed? Or are they representative of an irreparably narcissistic generation clinging to dwindling shreds of an era when culture put them front and centre?

There could be a lot to learn by answering that question.



Mine

Selfie as digital stamp

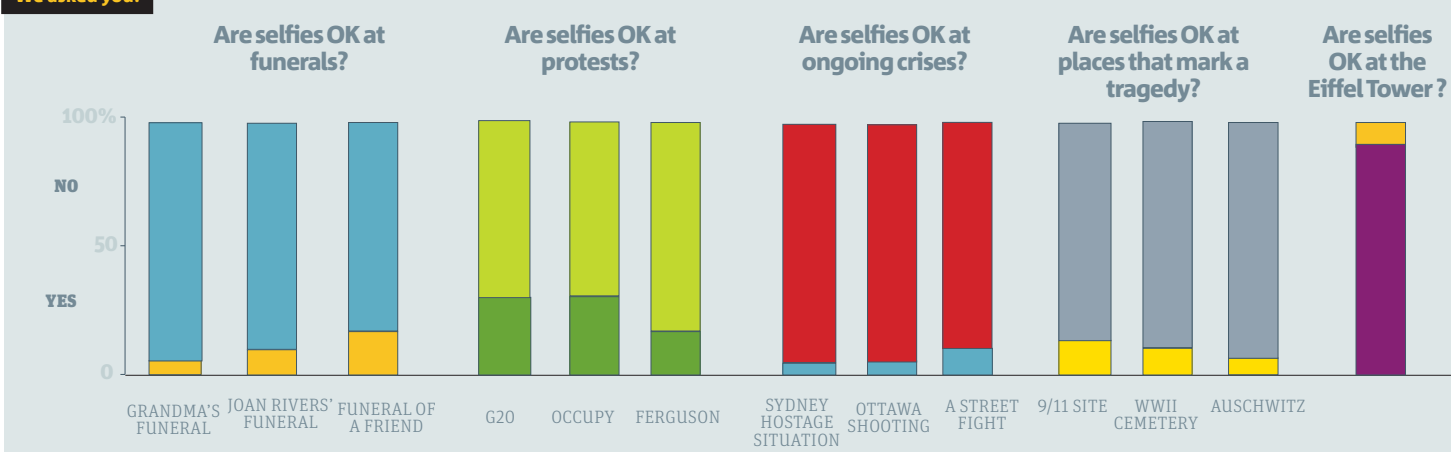


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This is mine. My face is in it, see? In the lawless world of the Internet, selfies might be the only way to ensure others don't take credit for your images.

Photos posted online instantly become public property, even when photographers do their best to protect them. As a newspaper editor, I have seen watermarks skilfully removed, copyrighted images intentionally and unintentionally shared, and been in arguments over who receives credit for an image. Selfies remind me of sharing my childhood dinner table with two brothers. If you wanted a specific cut of meat, you had to lick it. This was considered so gross it ended all arguments and the meat became yours. Selfies have that same kind of influence. Hate them all you want, but selfies are the new digital signature.

We asked you:



Controversial selfies

- A woman made the front page of the New York Post last year for taking a selfie with a suicidal man being rescued from the Brooklyn Bridge behind her.
- A TV news reporter was fired for asking Anderson Cooper for a selfie at the scene of the Ottawa ceno-taph shooting in October.
- Not even Obama is safe. He received scorn for posing for a selfie with the Danish and U.K. PMs at Nelson Mandela's funeral.



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Jon Hamm ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Mad man's no Superman: Jon snubs superhero gigs

With the glut of comic book movies coming out of the Marvel and DC universes — with extensive releases already slated

through 2020 — it's kind of surprising that lantern-jawed, deep-voiced Mad Men star Jon Hamm hasn't donned some tights by now. Well, it turns out it has not been for lack of trying on the studios' parts. Hamm tells the Radio Times that he's "been in contention for quite a few" superhero films over the last few years, but has passed on them all.

"The deals that they make (actors) do are so

draconian," Hamm explains. "And of course you are signed on for not only the movie that you are signed on for ... but at least two more that you haven't read and you have no idea what they are going to be and all the crossover ones you are going to have to do."

OK, fine. But now at least we can have fun speculating which roles he turned down. And no fair saying "all of them." Let's get creative here.

Fantasy franchise feminism fracas!

Looking for someone to take issue with Harry Potter star Emma Watson's UN address about feminism?

Well, Game of Thrones star Maisie Williams is happy to serve. The 17-year-old tells the Guardian that she's impatient with such "first-world feminism" and is looking to do more.

"A lot of what Emma Watson spoke about, I just think, 'That doesn't bother me,'" Williams says. "I know things aren't perfect for women in the U.K. and in America, but there are women in the rest of the world who have it far worse."

Your move, Hermione.

Maisie Williams

Amy's near-tears apology leaked by Sony staff

With more leaked emails hitting the web every day, it should come as no surprise that Sony chief Amy Pascal gathered her employees this week at the studio's Culver City, Calif. lot to address the ongoing hacking scandal.

And it also shouldn't come as a surprise that we know about the apology because someone snuck out audio of it.

"It devastates me that something I did or said in a second would hurt any one of you and for that I am profoundly sorry," a "near tears" Pascal told staffers during a pair of meetings Monday,



Amy Pascal

according to the Hollywood Reporter.

At least one employee seemed mollified, telling the trade, "Amy made what sounded like a serious apology."



Jennifer Lee

Frozen director so sorry you just can't Let It Go

Parents, Frozen director Jennifer Lee feels your pain — and she's so, so sorry that she's unwittingly had a hand in inflicting it upon you. "A year ago, I'd meet people who when they found out who I

was they'd say, 'Oh, we love the songs! We sing them all the time,'" Lee tells the Hollywood Reporter. "Now they're like, 'Yep, we're still listening to those songs.' I've gone from, 'Thank you' to, 'Sorry!'"

Bond mixes martinis with marketing

Bond purists, rejoice. Belvedere Vodka has reportedly signed a multimillion-dollar product placement deal with Sony Pictures — and we didn't even find out via a leaked email! — to feature Daniel Craig's super-spy sipping their martinis in next year's Spectre, currently filming in London.

This wouldn't normally be news except that many 007 fans are still sore from the sight of Bond slugging back a Heineken in Skyfall.



Daniel Craig

Hobbit actors by the props they keep

Movies. Martin Freeman bagged Bilbo ears as The Hobbit trilogy wrapped



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The release of *The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies* brings Peter Jackson's trilogy to a close, and marks the end of a life immersed in Middle Earth for the actors. For several of the cast, it was a years-long journey, and like any trip it's nice to pick up a souvenir as a keepsake.

According to director Peter Jackson, the actor who played the exiled dwarf king Thorin stole "the most boring thing in the world to steal," from the set of the penultimate film, *The Desolation of Smaug*: socks.

"I did steal every single pair of costume socks," said Richard Armitage, "because we were given a brand new



Martin Freeman as head Hobbit Bilbo Baggins. CONTRIBUTED

pair every day."

As production on *The Battle of the Five Armies* wrapped, Armitage was gifted with some more interesting props including the deadly goblin cleaver Orcrist, which he keeps in an umbrella stand, "cause I want to be able to pick it up."

Martin Freeman, who plays head Hobbit Bilbo Baggins,

says he doesn't miss making the films — "I'm really proud to have done it," he says, "and I'm really glad to have done it, but I rarely miss jobs" — but kept his sword and prosthetic ears as mementos.

Unlike Freeman, Sir Ian McKellen does get sentimental when he reflects on making the movies because, "a lot of the audience seeing *The Hob-*

bit Part Three wouldn't have been born when we started filming it." After spending 13 years playing wise wizard Gandalf the Grey, he took two priceless props from the set, "Gandalf's staff, which I keep with umbrellas and walking sticks, and Gandalf's hat, which I keep in the basement."

Many actors have pilfered props from their movies. Kei-

ra Knightley walked off with Elizabeth Bennet's striped socks from *Pride & Prejudice*. Elijah Wood has the One Ring from *Lord of the Rings* and Daniel Radcliffe liberated two pairs of Harry Potter's famous round glasses, even though there was a strict policy about taking props from the set.

"The ones from the first film are absolutely tiny now," he says, "but they are very sweet."

Kristen Stewart kept the engagement ring Edward Cullen gave her at the end of *Twilight: Eclipse*, and Zachary Quinto took the ears he wore as Spock in *Star Trek: Into Darkness*, but the strangest cinematic souvenir may belong to Mark Wahlberg.

The Academy Award nominee kept the prosthetic penis he wore as Dirk Diggler in *Boogie Nights*. "I used to keep it in my desk drawer," he said, "and I'd take it out and slap my friends in the face with it. I don't keep many things from my movies, but that just seemed to have personal significance."

The Hobbit: the Battle of the Five Armies

Director. Peter Jackson

Stars. Benedict Cumberbatch, Richard Armitage

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Peter Jackson's wraps up the *Hobbit* trilogy with a cluttered film short on story, but long on action scenes. Greedy dragon Smaug (Benedict Cumberbatch) is dispatched, but now an epic battle between Dwarf king Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage), the Orcs and every other army in the area will decide the fate of Middle Earth. Heroes and villains abound, and while there isn't quite enough actual story to justify the two-hour-and-20-minute running time, the battle between good and evil is so primal, so elemental, you can't help but get involved in it.

Film awards



Boyhood CONTRIBUTED

Boyhood takes three top prizes

Richard Linklater's coming-of-age epic *Boyhood* has won three top prizes from the Toronto Film Critics Association, including best picture.

In addition, director Richard Linklater won best director and Golden Globe nominee Patricia Arquette won best supporting actress.

In other categories, Marion Cotillard won best actress for *The Immigrant*, Tom Hardy took best actor for *Locke*, J.K. Simmons was named best supporting actor for his spirited performance in *Whiplash*, and Wes Anderson's *The Grand Budapest Hotel* won best screenplay.

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Saying good night to the Museum tour

Movies. For Ben Stiller, *The Secret of the Tomb* is his last of the franchise



NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

The third film in the Ben Stiller-starring *Night at the Museum* series, *The Secret of the Tomb*, has been billed as its final instalment. But given the success of the family-friendly franchise, isn't it a bit hasty to just call it like that? "I don't know. I mean, I'm pretty sure it is (the end) for me," Stiller says. "And that was one of the things going into it, by allowing it to be that, it allowed us to tell this story, which I think is my character sort of saying goodbye."

Of course, Stiller is savvy enough to know never to say never in Hollywood. "You never know these days with reboots and number fours," he jokes. "Maybe Edward Norton will show up in the next one. As the Hulk or something. It's one of those things where, I don't know, I won't say never, but it felt to me like that's what made sense to me at this time."



Ben Stiller, centre, in *Night at the Museum: The Secret of the Tomb*. CONTRIBUTED

For the new instalment, Stiller and crew went to London's British Museum for filming, which was a treat in and of itself. "They had to be OK with what we were doing there because they'd never let anyone film there before," he says. "We didn't go to any special rooms or anything like that, but the Hall of Enlight-

enment there is pretty amazing. We basically got to spend a few nights there. The Rosetta Stone for me was the big thing that I was impressed with. That was our start mark — like, 'OK, let's go again, take two, back to the Rosetta Stone.' I even tweeted out a picture of me and Robin (Williams) standing next to it. Just

the coolest thing ever."

And maybe this really is the end of the franchise, because Stiller has already taken home a keepsake. "I took the tablet home when we wrapped the movie. So I'm keeping my fingers crossed that something might happen," he says of the enchanted prop. "We'll see

Reality Bites turns 20

Speaking of sequels, has Stiller ever entertained the idea of revisiting the world of *Reality Bites*, his first film as a director that recently turned 20 years old? Well, not exactly.

- "We actually talked about possibly doing a TV series, but we didn't end up doing it," Stiller reveals.
- "I think it's probably for the best that we didn't do it, but it was an interesting idea to revisit it. I don't know if I would do a sequel to it. It would be kind of weird."

what happens, if anything comes to life in my house at night. I'm going to keep it in our little guest house. I have another cool memento from a movie, which are Tom Cruise's arms from *Tropic Thunder*, the Les Grossman arms? They're super-cool, these crazy, hairy arms with a crushed Diet Coke can in them. So maybe, who knows, the tablet might bring the arms to life at night."

How-to

Travelling with a purpose

1. Education, health, infrastructure, human rights — what cause is closest to your heart?
2. Research all the programs available. Decide whether to go with a well-known organization or something smaller that's just starting up.
3. Pay attention to where each group's money is going and how the local community benefits.
4. Think about how your skills and experience can best benefit your hosts. What do they need?
5. Talk to as many former volunteers as possible. What did they do? Would they do it again?
6. Be prepared to adapt — to living conditions, the weather, everything.
7. Visit CharityNavigator.org, Reliefweb.int, Idealist.org and GiveWell.org for more.

DOUG WALLACE

Deal

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Planning

Understand your travel insurance



In the wake of the “million-dollar baby” from Saskatchewan that was born in Hawaii comes a report from the Travel Health Insurance Association. It states that more than 95 per cent of Canadians who make travel insurance claims receive the payout. The problem with the other 5 per cent is inadvertently (or deliberately) giving inaccurate health info to travel insurance providers. Get your doctor involved in your medical questionnaire to avoid the drama — not to mention the \$1M. Visit thiaonline.com. **TEXT: DOUG WALLACE, PHOTO: ISTOCK**

Che's son offers revolutionary tour

Cuba. Hop on a Harley and write your own Motorcycle Diaries with this trip hosted by Ernesto Guevara

The youngest son of Cuban revolutionary Che Guevara has opened an agency offering two-wheel tours of the Caribbean island nation on Harley-Davidsons, in a nod to his father's passion for motorcycles.

The Marxist guerrilla's storied motorbike journey through South America was immortalized in the 2004 film *Motorcycle Diaries*, directed by Brazil's Walter Salles and starring Mexican actor Gael Garcia Bernal. The trip, spanning from December 1951 to July 1952, took the 23-year-old revolutionary through Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Peru and Venezuela.

Now, Ernesto Guevara wants to honour his father's famous ride by giving visitors to Cuba a unique trip through the country on Harley-Davidson motorcycles.



The tour stops in Santa Clara, site of a key battle during the Cuban revolution. ISTOCK

Prices start at \$3,000 US per person and go up to \$5,800 US for six- or nine-day trips. Airline costs are not included.

Itineraries give visitors a glimpse of “the varied landscapes of this beautiful island,” while also offering “intimate contact with a part of the history of a unique revolution,” ac-

cording to the website of La Poderosa Tours, run by 49-year-old Ernesto, who is also a lawyer.

The company promises a luxury visit, including stays at five-star hotels and a visit to Che's mausoleum.

“We will make your trip a unique experience, an unforgettable memoir. We will

personally take care of every detail during your journey,” the website says.

The company's name comes from Che's own moniker for the British Norton 500 motorbike he rode through South America with Argentine companion Alberto Granado. That trip left a strong impression on



Che Guevara's son Ernesto Guevara. AFP FILE

the young guerrilla, who was preparing to graduate from medical school at the time.

The tour company goes to lengths to emphasize its revolutionary roots. One of the guides is Camilo Sanchez — son of Cuban guerrilla Antonio Sanchez Diaz, also known as “Marcos” — a fighter killed during a 1967 battle.

The tour also includes a visit to Che's base in colonial Havana and a trip to Santa Clara, a city 270 kilometres east of Havana that was the site of a key 1958 battle. **AFP**

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If you're as calm as a cucumber on Day One of your new job, your employers might get the impression that you aren't very interested in the role. A little nervous energy can help show you've got a positive and energetic attitude. ISTOCK

Making your first day on the job work for you

Career. Have you got the new job jitters? Don't call it quitters!

LAUREN MARINIGH
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Let's face it, whether you're starting a new job or starting your first day of school, first-day nerves can make every challenge just a little bit harder to face.

Fear of the unknown can be incredibly intimidating. Will you like the job? Will people like you? Will you make friends? What if you get lost? With a million questions running through your head, it's easy to get distracted and make mistakes. Ready to calm your nerves and ace your first day?

Be prepared

Make sure you have all the things you will need in order to be successful. This can include your paperwork for human resources, a lunch in case you can't find something that suits your palate nearby, a pen and notebook in case you need to jump right into things — obvious and useful resources that help you manage some common curveballs. If you aren't entirely sure what to bring on your first day, shoot an email to the hiring manager and ask. They'll probably appreci-

Don't forget to breathe

You interviewed for this position, or company, and you deserve a spot here.

- They would not have hired you otherwise. Remind yourself of that, and give yourself a pep talk to get through the doors on your first day.
- Remember that your first days and weeks are meant for you to learn about everything. If you go in with an open mind, and give yourself permission to learn as you go, you'll quickly find that your nerves take a back seat.

ate your enthusiasm. Knowing exactly where you are going and who you are meeting will also help. Map your route ahead of time to get to work, and leave extra time in case there are traffic or transit issues. You may even want to do a test run of your route before the first day if you don't know how long it's going to take.

Know what to wear

This is a common hang-up when you start any new role. If you didn't have a chance to observe the dress code when you were visiting for an interview, ask human resources beforehand. This will help settle your anxiety about what's appropriate and ensure that you don't show up underdressed. It's absolutely alright to overdress on your first day. Once you're more comfortable with the dress code, you can mix up your wardrobe to reflect a little

more of your personal taste.

Answer the unanswered

Have questions? Get answers.

Whether you need to do some research, talk to someone within the organization, or even contact the hiring manager again, don't be afraid to pursue your questions.

It's totally natural to have questions when you start a new job — and since every organization is different, there's no such thing as a stupid question.

People don't expect you to know everything when you're new, so ask away.

Many questions can be answered by doing a simple Google search or spending more time on the company's website. With this approach, you'll learn more about the organization, too.

Presents for every point in the pursuit

Career. Need gift ideas for the job-seeker in your life? Consider the many stages of the hunt

MICHELLE SAMMUT
TalentEgg.ca

Students, young professionals and life-long employees alike are building their career stories. This year, give gifts to help them realize their potential.

The goal-setting stage

Every journey has to start somewhere, and a career path is no exception. Goal-setting can be helpful to those starting their job hunt: It can guide professional aspirations and inspire tangible actions.

A great gift for someone at this stage of the job hunt would be a leather-bound notebook — perfect for pinning down goals and mapping out action plans. Look for a notebook that can easily fit into the pocket of a briefcase, handbag or backpack. Having your goals on hand can be a great reminder of all that you hope to achieve.

The networking stage

When you're looking for meaningful work, networking is a smart way to get cracking. Informational interviews are a useful networking opportunity for anyone looking to gain valuable insight into a possible



What better gift than one that gives your best pals a life boost? ISTOCK

career path, field or employer.

These meetings give a job-seeker an opportunity to explore different options, build professional relationships and ask career-related questions to someone working in their area of interest. One gift idea for someone in the networking stage would be a coffee shop gift card. Informational interviews are meant to be quick, casual meetings scheduled during the workday — a 20-minute conversation that goes well with a warm beverage.

The interview stage

Landing an interview is a major achievement, and feeling prepared for the big day can play a

big part in success. A great gift idea for someone at this stage of the job hunt? A tablet. Regardless of industry, employer or job level, making a good impression in an interview is at the top of everyone's wish list. A tablet is an innovative and memorable way to showcase who you are and what you've done. Creative job? Load your digital portfolio onto your device for easy presentation.

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Wednesday, December 24,
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4:00 pm Children & Families'
Christmas Pageant. *All are welcome to join this service (no preparation required).*

10:30 pm Seasonal Music with String Quartet
11:00 pm Midnight Mass with candles and special music

Thursday, December 25,
Christmas Day
10:30 am Choral Holy Communion

Sunday, January 4,
2nd Sunday after Christmas
8:00 am Said Holy Communion
10:30 am Choral Holy Communion
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12:15 pm Daily Mass

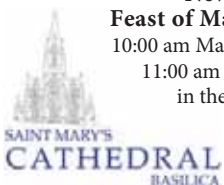
4:00 pm Anticipated Mass of Mary, Mother of God

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a bit thicker) and using your favourite cookie cutters cut out shapes and place on parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Repeat with remaining dough and continue to re-roll the dough

until you use it up.

3. Bake at 375 F (190 C) for about 12 minutes or until edges are just a hint of golden brown.



DINNER
EXPRESS
Emily Richards
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I make this very simple shortbread each year and have done different things with it. I have added vanilla extract, dried lavender, crystallized ginger, grated orange rind, coloured sugar and even dipped it in chocolate. No matter what I do with it, it still is a family favourite.

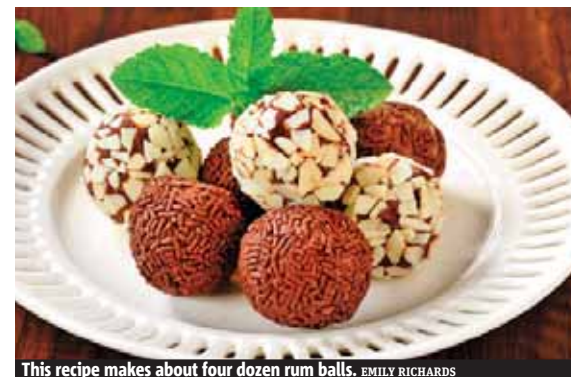
Ingredients

- 2 cups (500 ml) butter, very soft but not melted
- 1 cup (250 ml) icing sugar
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) vanilla extract
- 4 cups (1 l) all purpose flour

1. In a stand mixer or large bowl using hand mixer, beat butter until it looks white and very fluffy. Beat in icing sugar and vanilla. Beat in 1 cup (250 ml) of flour at a time until it becomes very stiff and then using hands bring the dough together and knead slightly to make smooth dough.

2. Divide dough in half and roll out on floured surface to desired thickness (I like mine

Dessert or host gift. Peanut Butter Rum Balls



This recipe makes about four dozen rum balls. EMILY RICHARDS

1. In a large bowl, combine the icing sugar, cookie crumbs, butter, coconut, peanuts, peanut butter, sugar and rum until well blended.

2. Shape mix into 3/4-inch (2 cm) balls and roll in granulated sugar, sprinkles or chopped almonds. Place in airtight container lined with waxed paper and refrigerate. EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups (625 ml) icing sugar
- 2 cups (500 ml) chocolate cookie crumbs
- 1 cup (250 ml) butter, softened
- 1 cup (250 ml) flaked coconut
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) finely chopped peanuts
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) smooth natural peanut butter
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) granulated sugar
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) rum
- Granulated sugar, sprinkles and chopped almonds, to garnish

Murphy and Fucale reportedly on the move

QMJHL. Rumours have it Mooseheads veterans will be traded to Remparts



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It seems two of the Herd's most decorated veterans will soon be lacing up their skates for another team.

Halifax Mooseheads goaltender Zachary Fucale and defenceman Matt Murphy, who were on the roster that won the 2013 Memorial Cup, are reportedly being traded to the Quebec Remparts.

Rumours of a potential deal first appeared Tuesday afternoon in *Le Journal de Quebec*. But Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell said the same day, "we have no trades finalized."

Other than that, the GM can't comment until Friday, when the mid-season trade period officially starts.

Russell did confirm that Murphy will remain "a healthy scratch" for the Moose's next two games, including Wednesday night's rescheduled home game against the Acadie-Bathurst Titan at 7 p.m. and Thursday night's road game against the Charlottetown Islanders.

Murphy, 19, has been sitting out since Saturday night's 5-4 win over Acadie-Bathurst, which started speculation about his potential move within the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

The six-foot-two, 207-pound blue-liner from Fredericton, N.B., is no stranger to being swapped, though, as he was traded to Halifax by



Mooseheads goaltender Zachary Fucale, pictured at the Canadian junior team selection camp in St. Catharines, Ont., on Monday, is part of a reported trade involving the Remparts. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"Every year is different, whether we're picking up guys or sending guys away, but you can't worry about it too much; you just have to deal with what you're given." Mooseheads captain Ryan Falkenham

Busy Remparts

The Quebec Remparts have already acquired Russian forward Vladimir Tkachev from the Moncton Wildcats for Taylor Burke and a seventh- and eighth-round pick in 2015, as well as Jérôme Verrier from the Drummondville Voltigeurs for Adam Chapman and a first-round pick.

the Val-d'Or Foreurs midway through the 2012-13 season. He attended Ottawa Senators training camp this past summer.

Fucale, also 19, is currently away at Canadian junior team selection camp.

The six-foot-two, 180-pound backstop from Rosemère, Que., was drafted 11th overall by the Mooseheads in the 2011 QMJHL Entry Draft, and 36th overall in the second round of the 2013 NHL Entry Draft.

Sources told *Le Journal de Quebec* that the deal for Fu-

er Callum Booth to Halifax. The six-foot-three, 196-pound player was drafted in the third round, 52nd overall, by the Quebec Remparts in the 2013 draft.

Following Tuesday afternoon's practice at the Scotiabank Centre, Herd members were trying to stay focused on this week's two match-ups, the last before the holiday break.

"It's something you can't stress about too much," 19-year-old captain Ryan Falkenham said.

"You can't really control

these things — it's part of the game," 20-year-old alternate captain Austyn Hardie agreed. "It's a business."

Other Q-league squads have a better shot at this season's title than the Moose, Hardie suggested.

"There are teams out there that are looking to win, like Quebec," the defenceman from Brossard, Que., said. "We have some excellent hockey players on our team, so we knew it was going to happen — we just play through it."

The winter trade deadline is Jan. 6.

Blue-liner saddened by trade speculation

Defenceman Matt Murphy said he "would be sad" to leave the Halifax Mooseheads behind, if recent trade rumours turn out to be true.

The third-year player will reportedly end up with the Quebec Remparts for the second half of the 2014-15 season.

"I've made this place my home the last few years," the 19-year-old from Fredericton said Thursday evening.

"So, it's pretty sad to leave

The standings

The Remparts are currently in fourth place in the QMJHL and second in the East Division. The Mooseheads are in 11th place in the league, third in the Maritimes Division.

this place, for sure," he said.

"But that's the way hockey works."

Murphy and netminder Zachary Fucale were pinpointed by French media Tuesday afternoon as being part of a deal with the Quebec Remparts, who are hosting the Memorial Cup next May.

Murphy said he's as much "in the dark" as anyone else about whether the league whispers are correct.

"I can't confirm," he said. "All that I have is speculation also." KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO



Defenceman Matt Murphy, left, has been with the Mooseheads since being acquired in a trade in the 2012-13 season. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Former WADA chair

Panel 'not there to whitewash anything': Pound

Former World Anti-Doping Agency chairman Dick Pound vowed exemption Tuesday as he leads an investigation into allegations of systematic doping in Russia.

"We're there to get the facts," said Pound.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

League Cup

Chelsea beats Derby County to reach semis

Chelsea swept into the semifinals of the English League Cup on Tuesday, goals by Eden Hazard, Filipe Luis and Andre Schuerrle in a 3-1 win at a second-tier Derby County, managed by former England coach Steve McClaren. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Grizzlies end Warriors' win streak at 16

Marc Gasol scored 24 points, and the Memphis Grizzlies snapped the Golden State Warriors' NBA-best 16-game winning streak with a 105-98 victory on Tuesday night.

Mike Conley and Zach Randolph each scored 17 points, and Randolph grabbed 10 rebounds.

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MLB

A-Rod done as full-time fielder

Alex Rodriguez faces a diminished role in his return to the New York Yankees, who have stripped A-Rod of his third-base job and plan move him to full-time designated hitter — at most. GM Brian Cashman said Tuesday that newly-signed Chase Headley will start at third in 2015.

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Blue Jays

Morrow leaves for Padres: Report

Brandon Morrow formalized his departure from Toronto on Tuesday, reportedly signing an incentive-laden, one-year deal with the San Diego Padres.

Morrow spent five years in Toronto, marked initially by promise, but eventually derailed by injury. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Arsenal legend

Henry retires at 37

Former Arsenal and France striker Thierry Henry announced his retirement on Tuesday, ending a 20-year career in which he earned a place in the pantheon of modern greats.

The 37-year-old Henry was a member of the France teams that won the 1998 World Cup and 2000 European Championship.

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Leafs look mighty good vs. Ducks

NHL. Kessel caps Toronto's four-goal third period with a pair of markers

Phil Kessel scored two of Toronto's four third-period goals as the Maple Leafs beat the Anaheim Ducks 6-2 for their sixth straight win Tuesday night.

David Booth scored his first of the season unassisted at 4:37 before Nazem Kadri notched his ninth at 5:28 to put Toronto ahead 4-1 at the Air Canada Centre. Anaheim starter Frederik Andersen was replaced by backup Ilya Bryzgalov following Kadri's goal.

Goalie Jonathan Bernier was instrumental in Toronto snapping the Ducks' eight-game win streak and handing them their first loss in eight games this month. Anaheim outshot the Leafs 42-27.

Ryan Kesler pulled Anaheim to within 4-2 with his 11th of the season at 8:35. But Kessel cemented the win on the power play at 15:23 before

On Tuesday

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Maple Leafs

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scoring his 17th goal at 18:17.

Tyler Bozak and Joffrey Lupul also scored for Toronto (19-9-3, 41 points), which improved to 14-7-0 at home and 10-1-1 since being manhandled 9-2 by the visiting Nashville Predators almost a month ago.

Sami Vatanen had the other goal for Anaheim (21-7-5, 47 points), which even with the loss still sports an impressive 11-4-2 road record.

Toronto improved to 14-0 when scoring first and 13-0 after leading through two periods.

Both teams are on the road Thursday. Toronto visits the Carolina Hurricanes while Anaheim is in Montreal for the fourth game of its five-game road trip.

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Leafs defenceman Jake Gardiner clears the puck away from Ducks forward Kyle Palmieri's reach during the second period of Toronto's 6-2 win over Anaheim on Tuesday at Air Canada Centre. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Young Crouse's balance could suit Team Canada



Kingston Frontenacs 17-year-old forward Lawson Crouse's two-way game could land him a spot on the Canadian junior team. AARON BELL/OHL IMAGES

Lawson Crouse looks around the ice and knows he's in unfamiliar territory. The youngest player in Canada's world junior camp hasn't skated alongside many of these teammates before because he's only 17.

But on an older team that will feature more than a dozen 19-year-olds, Crouse is part of the youth contingent that must factor in for Canada to live up to expectations as the favourite on home ice.

Aside from projected No. 1 pick Connor McDavid, Crouse is the only other

Quoted

"He's physically strong for 17 years old, skates well, plays with poise, and we like what he brings to the table."

Canadian junior team head coach Benoit Groulx on Lawson Crouse

2015 NHL draft-eligible player at camp, but isn't intimidated by that.

"It's a different experience for myself, but I think I'm making the most of it right now," Crouse said. "Being a bigger body kind of helps. I'm bigger out there, so I kind of have a little bit more of an advantage to the

smaller guys."

Crouse, who is six-foot-four and 211 pounds, brings a strong two-way game that could land him a solid spot on the 22-man roster. While this Canadian lineup is long on pure skill and speed, Crouse prides himself on his defensive game.

"I've figured out that it's

not always about offence, but you have to manage both sides of the game," the Mount Brydges, Ont., native said Tuesday. "I'm obviously not going to be the guy that puts up 100 points. I'm going to do what I can and contribute all over the ice."

Last spring Crouse led Canada's under-18 summer team to gold at the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Cup by scoring a team-high six goals. Crouse also scored the game-winner to help Canada win bronze at the U-18 world championships in April.

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2015 Toyota Camry Hybrid

- **Type.** Four-door, five-passenger midsize sedan
- **Engine.** 2.5-litre four-cylinder with electric motor (156 hp gas only, 200 gas/electric combined)
- **Transmission.** CVT, (continuously variable)
- **Price.** \$28,410 base, \$34,500 as tested

Market position

While the Prius lineup has expanded with a wagon, plug-in and subcompact models, the Camry remains focused on buyers who prefer their hybrids to look and feel more like conventional cars.

Points

- In the top XLE trim, the hybrid costs more than the gas-powered four-cylinder XLE, but slightly below the six-cylinder model.
- All trims include Bluetooth, rearview camera, dual-zone automatic climate control, automatic headlamps, and a power driver's seat.
- Selectable Eco mode reduces power and climate control to boost fuel efficiency.



The hybrid's ride is a bit rougher, and the battery eats trunk space.

Interesting features

Low-speed electric-only driving mode, standard rearview camera, available text-to-speech capabilities, blind-spot monitor, cross-traffic alert, and wireless phone charging.

Hybrid a handsome handler

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3 Honda Accord Hybrid

Base price: \$31,773

A roomy, comfy model that costs more than the Camry but has better fuel efficiency.

Review. Updated styling, interior and suspension help Camry look and drive better than previous model

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Once considered so exotic that you could almost stop traffic by driving one, gas-electric hybrids are now commonplace. And while cars like Toyota's Prius still scream, "I'm a hybrid!" there are now many conventional-looking versions, including the Camry Hybrid.

Both the Camry and Camry

Hybrid have been extensively updated for 2015, with new interior and exterior styling that is a considerable improvement on the previous bland design, plus tweaks to the suspension for better ride and handling.

The Camry Hybrid uses a 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine that's mated to an electric motor and an automatic, continuously variable transmission (CVT) that contains belts and pulleys instead of gears.

The system seamlessly switches between gasoline-only operation, electric-only, or a combination of the two, depending on what's needed at the time.

And you don't plug it in. Instead, the battery recharges by



The roomy interior is a huge improvement over the bland 2014 model.

capturing the energy generated when you're slowing down.

When you come to a stop, the gasoline engine shuts off, so you're not using fuel or creating emissions while waiting for the light to change. Don't worry: The climate control, stereo, lights, and other essen-

tials stay on.

The Camry Hybrid comes in three trim lines, starting with the LE at \$28,410 and going up to my top-line tester, the XLE, at \$34,500. That's \$3,710 more than the conventional four-cylinder XLE, and as with any hybrid, it will take a while to

make up the difference in fuel savings. Combined ratings for the four-cylinder Camry are 8.4 L/100, while the hybrid is rated at 5.9.

Overall, the Camry's improvements are impressive: It drives better, with quicker steering response. And while the hybrid's ride is a little harsher than its gas sibling, it's still comfortable.

The interior is roomy (although the battery chews up some of the trunk space), and the XLE throws in such upscale features as navigation, heated leather seats, and a blind-spot monitor.

If you want hybrid performance with traditional looks and features, this one's a must on the test-drive list.



Supermodel Dree Hemingway shares the Mercedes-Benz stage with F1 drivers Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg. AFP

Auto fashion. Supermodel joins F1 champs as Mercedes-Benz launches its AMG GT and fashion campaign

Supermodel Dree Hemingway is the new face of Mercedes-Benz, along with F1 drivers Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg. The trio will front the Mercedes 2015 fashion campaign, which highlights the auto-

maker's sponsorship of fashion weeks in Paris, London, Milan, Beijing, Moscow and Berlin.

Outfitted by Hugo Boss, Hemingway, Hamilton and Rosberg were shot by photographer Collier Schorr next to the Mercedes C111 and the new Mercedes-AMG GT.

The C111 is a well-known prototype developed in the 1970s, while the AMG GT is a two-person sports coupe with a new 4.0-litre V8 twin-turbo engine.

Premiered at this year's Paris auto show, the GT boasts 462 horsepower in the standard edition, while the GT S version offers up to 510 hp, enabling a top speed of 310 km/h and zero-to-100-km/h acceleration of 3.8 seconds.

With the campaign, Mercedes celebrates not only its

Video link

For a YouTube video of the Mercedes-Benz fashion shoot, go to youtube/uzKlnZOQHHS

fashion sponsorship but also its F1 pilots, who led the German manufacturer to its first World Championship victory in 2014. Hamilton claimed the title, coming in just ahead of team member Rosberg.

The two drivers share the spotlight in the campaign with Hemingway, who is writer Ernest Hemingway's great-granddaughter. Since 2010, the supermodel has posed for several fashion houses, including Paco Rabanne, Jean Paul Gaultier, Chanel, Lanvin and Givenchy. AFP

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Mini's new JCW edition offers 231 hp and a top speed of 246 km/h. AFP

Debut. New Mini JCW is the most powerful ever

The new John Cooper Works edition of the Mini manages to up the power and performance without compromising on creature comforts.

The JCW edition has been a staple of the Mini lineup for more than a decade and the latest version is the most powerful production Mini ever. Its 2-litre, four-cylinder turbo-charged engine offers 231 hp, a top speed of 246 km/h.

It's easy to make a small, front-wheel drive car go fast in a straight line, but the Mini has always been about go-kart-like handling, hugging bends and manoeuvrability.

To make sure all of these elements are present and working, the car has a clever elec-

tronic differential lock control to stop the engine dictating the direction of travel. Mini has also gone with an electro-mechanical power steering set-up so that the car is even more responsive to each turn or twist of the wheel. And to make sure it stops as quickly as it goes, the car gets a newly developed Brembo brake system.

Unlike a lot of hot hatchbacks, the Mini's interior hasn't been stripped back to cut weight or give a sporty feel. It does get special seats, a smaller, multi-function steering wheel and stainless steel pedals. But it also gets all of the refinements of the standard car.

The JCW will be available here next spring. AFP



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The people with big brains and lab coats are busier than ever, exploring some pretty freaky territory.

Let's take a look at three notable areas of exploration, each of which could apply to the automobile and transportation scene.

Super-thin graphene

About 10 years ago, scientists discovered a new form of carbon graphite, which they called graphene.

It is the world's thinnest known material — exactly one atom thick. It's also 200 times stronger than steel and the world's best conductor of electricity.

A recent study published in the journal *Nature* speculated that a membrane made of graphene could be used to isolate protons (by their nature, electrically charged) from the hydrogen available in air.

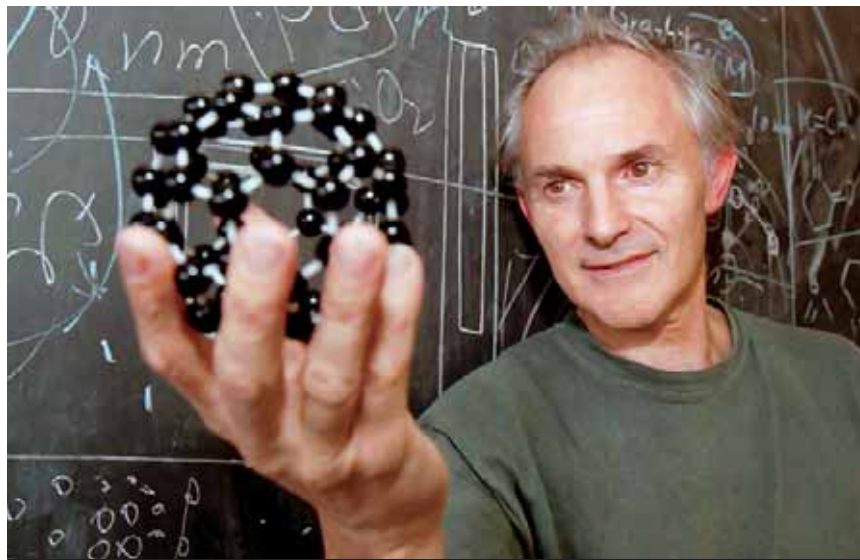
A fuel-cell vehicle could then be electrically driven, as all fuel-cell vehicles are, but without the cumbersome part of storing hydrogen on board or requiring a complex refuelling infrastructure system.

Industrious microbes

Cloning ourselves or bringing back woolly mammoths and Neanderthals are just two of the fun things we might be able to do with further advances in genome mapping and manipulation.

But George Church, one of world's top genome experts, is particularly pumped about modifying microbes to create transportation fuel.

Microbes have already demonstrated that they are able to convert wasted carbon dioxide into usable fuels, but Church wants to



Buckyballs, discovered by Prof. Harry Kroto of Sussex University, may help store hydrogen fuel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

modify them so they are super good at it, and easily replicated, so the conversion could be done on a grand and economical scale.

"Making new petroleum should be as simple and straightforward as brewing beer," he told *The Econo-*

mist Technology Quarterly.

Super-tough boron buckyballs

Buckyball is the nickname for a very interesting structure called buckminsterfullerene — a tiny molecular structure made up of

60 carbon atoms arranged in pentagons and hexagons.

It was so named because the architect, Richard Buckminster Fuller, used these shapes for his famous domes, like the one he created for Expo '67 in Montreal.

First discovered in 1985, the carbon buckyballs excited scientists, because they are hollow inside, super stable on the outside, and very tiny.

Last summer, researchers built the first ever buckyball made entirely of boron molecules.

Unlike their carbon counterparts, the boron buckyballs like to react with each other and other things.

This means they can be connected in chains and would bond with hydrogen, which had the researchers speculating they might one day be used to store hydrogen.

Hydrogen is tough to store because it is so light. It needs to be kept under pressure and condensed to be of any use as a transportation fuel, and that takes energy and a bulky infrastructure.

Here's hoping something incorporating boron buckyballs becomes the fascinating alternative — both for the triumph of science and for letting us say "boron buckyballs" out loud.

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Shift: Hybrids, technology and the environment



Jaguar has been experimenting with the idea of an electric car since this C-X75 concept.

Jaquar trademarks the name EV-Type

Jaguar may be working on an electrified vehicle destined to be called the EV-Type, suggests auto news website Motor Authority. The company recently registered the name EV-Type with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as well as in Europe. The registration was filed "for usage on motor land vehicles, among other applications." Jaguar hasn't confirmed plans for an electrified vehicle, but did come close to launching a plug-in hybrid supercar based on the C-X75 concept from 2010. Although never slated for production, Jaguar has said that the concept's technology would be used in future models. It also revealed an XI plug-in hybrid prototype in 2012.

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Portable EV charger safer than it looks

Your first impression of the Electric Vehicle Autonomous Renewable Charger (EV ARC) from Envision Solar of San Diego, Calif., is that the self-contained EV charging and energy-storage system might be prone to high winds. But it can withstand gusts up to 190 km/h, the company says, in part because of its 5,000-kilogram weight. Powered by a canopy of photovoltaic cells, the apparatus also includes a battery pack and a steel base plate/anchor — on which the vehicle parks while charging — that makes up the bulk of that weight. So, although it is portable in a sense, it needs a truck to move it and sturdy hoists to load and unload it at either end of the move.



This portable EV charger looks like it could blow away in a wind storm, but with a weight of 5,000 kilograms, it's not going anywhere.

Student-built solar EV seats four and sends electricity back to the grid

Students at the Eindhoven University of Technology in the Netherlands have built a solar-powered car that seats four people, meets Dutch crash test standards and produces more electricity in a year than it would consume in average daily use, thus

sending excess power to the electrical grid. On a clear day when the sun is brightest, reports *AutoWeek* magazine, the car makes 1.4 kilowatts of electricity from the array of photovoltaic cells on its roof. With two efficient motors driving the front wheels, a low cross-section for less wind resistance and tires said to be seven times easier to roll than traditional tires, it can travel at 70 km/h using only the electricity it makes from sunlight.

U.K. receives first Hyundai fuel-cell cars

The first six Hyundai ix35 Fuel Cell cars for customers have arrived in the United Kingdom, continuing the Korean company's global rollout of the first series-production hydrogen-fuelled car. They arrived just days after British business minister Matthew Hancock announced \$20 million in government and industry funding to support hydrogen transport. The investment in the sector through 2015 will expand the U.K.'s nationwide hydrogen fuelling network, hopefully boosting consumer confidence and increasing public acceptance of hydrogen-fuel-cell vehicles. With no tail pipe emissions other than water, hydrogen is converted to electricity to run the electric drive motors. The ix35 (based on the Tucson) can travel more than 550 kilometres before refuelling, which is a quick and easy process that's much like refuelling a gas or diesel vehicle.



Rather than build a new car around a hydrogen platform, Hyundai make it all fit in its Tucson SUV.



Before the hydrogen-powered Toyota Mirai goes on sale next summer, it would be good to have some filling stations in place.

With Mirai arriving next summer, California builds hydrogen stations

Honda will loan almost \$14 million U.S. to First Element Fuels to help it build 12 new hydrogen fuelling stations in California, to serve upcoming hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles. The loan will be combined with grant money from the state, which has said it wants to have 100 hydrogen stations in place by 2020. Earlier this year, First Element received a loan of \$7.3 million from Toyota, to help it build the first 19 stations. California's energy commission gave the company almost \$27 million earlier in 2014, part of almost \$200 million the state has pledged to the cause. One of the first such vehicles, the Toyota Mirai, goes on sale in California next summer.

Shift points

- China will offer more tax breaks in a bid to get drivers buying electric vehicles, reports Reuters, but they will be limited largely to local brands. Starting in September, the government stopped levying sales tax on 17 plug-in models from 11 Chinese manufacturers.
- Ford is collaborating with Wind Energy Corp. to bring a new source of clean energy to four of its Dearborn, Mich. dealerships. Wind Energy will install wind sail and solar panel systems that will power buildings, EV charging stations and lot lighting.
- California governor Jerry Brown recently signed six new bills intended to encourage electric-car use through a combination of incentives and measures to make ownership easier. The legislation also grants solo drivers of electric cars access to the state's carpool lanes.



Electric cars, like the Leaf can now use carpool lanes in California.

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Supercar. After almost a decade in hiatus, Ford may unveil its new GT model next month at Detroit show

Reports are growing that 2015 could see the resurrection of an automotive legend and Ford's return to the supercar market.

After an absence of almost a decade, Ford is planning a new GT, and according to Road and Track magazine, it could make its debut as early as January 2015 at the Detroit auto show.

The last GT, which ceased production in 2006, was a modern interpretation of the iconic GT40, with modern Ferrari-beating levels of performance to boot.

When it launched in 2004, demand far outstripped supply. By the time Ford caught up, U.S. vehicle regulations had changed and the economy stumbled, so the car only stayed in production for two years.

The GT40, the car that inspired the GT, was built in the 1960s to challenge Ferrari's dominance at Le Mans. In 1966, the car came first, second and third in the 24-hour race and also went on to win the race in 1967, '68 and '69.

With 2016 marking the



The 2004 Ford GT leads its illustrious predecessors. A new GT model is expected to be unveiled next month. AFP

50th anniversary of that breakthrough, the launch of the new GT would help Ford celebrate the occasion — along with a track-focused version of the car to compete in that year's race.

As for what we could expect from the new GT, it will have to match the same Ferrari

nemesis if it is to ring true to its iconic badge.

So expect a mid-engine layout with a turbocharged or supercharged V8 making things happen.

As for styling, Ford is likely to go with an evolution of the last GT rather than get revolutionary — the same approach

that has made the new Mustang such a hit.

One thing that does need to be improved significantly is the car's fuel-tank capacity.

Even when driven extremely carefully, the GT could only travel 120 kilometres before it needed refuelling.

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Founder Simon Kidston launched K500 at the Connaught hotel in London. AF

Online. New K500 index tracks classic-car values

A new web portal, launched by classic car expert Simon Kidston, claims to be the first to offer enthusiasts, investors and classic-car owners everything they need to pick the right vehicle and track the value of their collections.

K500.com hopes to be to the classic car market what the S&P 500 is to the stock market.

The heart of the site is the K500 Index, a selection of 500 hand-picked classics that range from Ferrari 250 GTOs and McLaren F1s to more accessible but desirable fare like the ori-

ginal Fiat 500 and the MGB.

Users can track how any car in the Index is performing in the market and how its value has risen since 1994.

"For the first time, online and in real time, you can access precise classic-car values tracked over 20 years, together with expert ranking and insight for each model," said Kidston.

The classic-car market has exploded, driven as much by wealthy individuals looking for a safe investment as by enthusiasts and serious collectors. **AFP**

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Trends. Perky and practical, crossover sales are booming around the world

SUVs and crossovers have never been in higher demand and the trend looks like it's here to stay. But what is it about cars with a utilitarian vibe that is proving so popular?

Automotive trends don't start or stop overnight. They start slowly then keep building momentum year after year. A perfect example is the SUV crossover, where demand for cars with a utilitarian look but a refined feel seems to be showing no signs of abating.

According to IHS Automotive, demand for cars that fall into the SUV segment is up 88 per cent since 2008, which makes it the fastest-growing segment around the world.

One in five new cars on the road is of the SUV variety and, everywhere you turn, a manufacturer is offering either a new serious off-roader from the likes of Land Rover or a

fun crossover such as the Fiat 500X.

The Chinese and American markets are currently driving global car sales — two regions where the SUV look has long been coveted — and therefore trends. But in Europe, too, utility vehicles grew from 8 per cent of the market to 19 per cent between 2008 and 2013.

Driving much of that demand in Europe is the Nissan Qashqai, which took just six years to achieve 2 million vehicles sold.

But when there is so much choice on the market — from people carriers and coupés to luxury sedans, why are drivers gravitating towards vehicles like the Qashqai and its growing list of competitors?

Nissan's Ian Tonkin says that, simply put, they offer owners the best of both worlds: "Modern crossovers and SUVs provide owners with

enhanced space and practicality when compared to a C- or D-segment car," he says. "In addition, a high-riding driving position gives drivers a good view of the road ahead. Crossovers in particular also deliver, in some cases, greater efficiency than D-segment rivals, which is attractive to buyers."

In the U.S., the popularity of the crossover segment has been nothing short of remarkable.

If IHS's figures are broken down so that true SUVs and crossovers are separated, then crossovers are currently out-selling SUVs and minivans combined in the U.S., second only to cars.

But more traditional SUV sales are booming, too, and partly due to the fact that companies are making their latest models more comfortable, less agricultural and more fuel-efficient.



Compact crossovers like the Mitsubishi RVR, above, and the Mazda CX-5 are driving SUV sales around the world.



The popularity of the crossover shows no signs of abating. If anything, 2015 could really hit its peak and go premium with new launches from Audi, Alfa Romeo, Bentley, BMW, Jaguar, Maserati and even Lamborghini.

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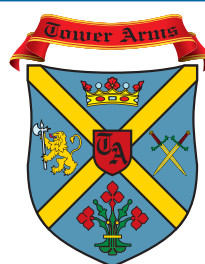
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Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Try not to be too open about what you think today or you may let slip something that could be used against you.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Someone will try to persuade you to part with some of your cash today. Turn them down. Just because they've had a good idea does not mean you have to finance it.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You seem to be in one of your upbeat moods, but the planets warn you could be a bit too optimistic for your own good. Remember, if you start a new task you must see it through.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You won't be short of advice from loved ones today but you don't need it. You know what you need and you know where to find it, so ignore everyone else and follow your instincts.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It's a long time since you have felt this good and you should make the most of it. If you have a creative talent, now is the time to get serious about it.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Be wary of those who offer you something for nothing. They may not want a payment for it now but it will give them lots of leverage later on when they want something from you.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If you have something on your mind, let others know. Yes, you may make more of it than you should but that is preferable to pretending everything is OK.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You're in a mood when the thought of failure does not enter your head and because of that you could succeed beyond your expectations — or fall flat.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

As Mercury moves into your birth sign today you are advised to put a name to your dreams. If there is something you desire now is as good a time as any to be open about it.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Your imaginative powers are at their height. Over the next 24 hours, don't dismiss an idea because it sounds crazy.

Pisces

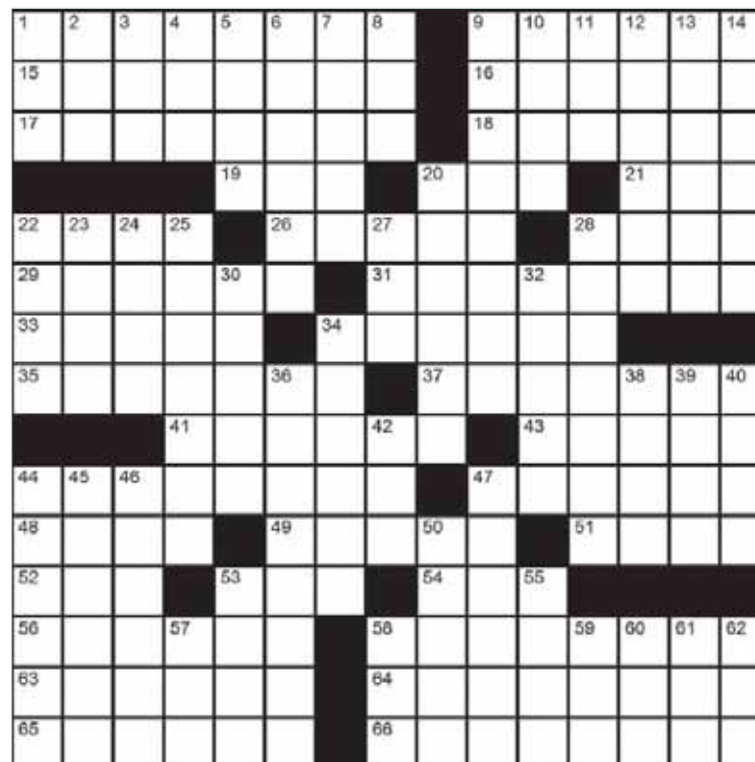
Feb. 20 - March 20

Anyone who dares to disagree with you today is going to wish they had kept their opinions to themselves. You are in no mood for criticism, not even from those whose input you value. You know what you are doing.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Festival of Lights
9. Canadian boots company
15. Somewhat: 3 wds.
16. Mid-size sedan by Kia
17. Classic
18. Sportswear brand
19. Classic coat
20. Mr. Johnson
21. ___ generis (Unique, in Latin)
22. Celtic language
26. The 'L' of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz author L. Frank Baum's name
28. Tricks
29. Run by the other runner again
31. Immortal flower, to a poet
33. Entrap
34. Decorative perfume bottle
35. Climbing wall plant's 'grasper'
37. Gets the snow off the walkway
41. PEI's provincial tree: 2 wds.
43. Ms. Couric
44. Giant polar bear of Inuit folklore
47. Take to be true
48. Grad
49. Mr. Welles
51. Bathroom basin
52. Natalie Cole's father
53. Christmas carol: "The Holly and the ___"



54. Rug of Scandinavia
56. "Grand Canyon" Canadian band, Timber ___
58. Endearing
63. Status early in a baseball inning: 2 wds.

64. Guards
65. 1998 Winter Olympics city in Japan
66. 'Historic Fort Town on the St. Lawrence River' in Ontario

2. Singer Ms. DiFranco
3. '60/'70s war zone, informally
4. Expend
5. Sort of seaweed
6. Positions oneself to say "Will you marry me?"
7. Analyze

8. Fellows
9. Saskatchewan town near the Montana border
10. Receptive
11. Sport-___ (Versatile vehicle)
12. Guitar manufacturer

13. Quantity
14. Dapper
20. Reversible patterned fabric
22. Formerly, to a poet
23. Ms. Russo
24. Bridge
25. Man's musical membrane?
27. Prefix that means 'Bad'
28. Solicit campaign votes
30. More dry
32. Chess pieces
34. Like that stuff used in baked goods
36. "That sounds marvelous, sign me up!": 3 wds.
38. Decorative case
39. Outline
40. Search
42. "A Woman's Worth" singer ...her initials-sharers
44. Town of southern Alberta
45. Vancouver-born actress Ms. Huffman
46. Eggnog ingredient
47. Unspecified individual
50. Command
53. Lady Antebellum's "___ to You"
55. Fine things
57. ___ constrictor
58. Egyptian cobra
59. Curve
60. Prefix to 'hazard'
61. Sanction
62. Oust's opposite

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play

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Yesterday's Sudoku



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